



Long Term Care Coordinating Council

Legislative Committee

December 12, 2012

10:00 -11:30 am

RICCMHO

40 Sharpe Drive, Suite 3

Cranston, RI 02920

Minutes

Present: Kathy Heren, Kathleen Kelly, Tina Spears, Jim Nyberg, Joe Lindbeck, Deanna Casey

1. Lindsay McAllister welcomed everyone and asked the participants to share what items they are thinking about as we head into the 2013 legislative session, including a refresher on where their initiatives landed at the end of last year.
2. **RIALA – Kathleen Kelly**
 - a. Working on something to supplement the SSIP payment reduction from 2012 – GA included a supplement last year however general knowledge is that it will run out in March – looking for a way to restore that cut (\$206/person).
3. **LeadingAge – Jim Nyberg**
 - a. Tracking implementation of new rate system for NH's: going from 84 rates to 4,000 with quality adjusters as well. Looking at other states as a reference: need to agree to agree on metrics, create a baseline and then calculate the rates.
 - b. **Hoping to get an update from EOHHS on the integrated care initiative at our next meeting.* There are a lot of questions on the enrollment strategy, whether there will be an effective opt out? How will quality be measured? How will reimbursement work? Locked in for a year or 30-day notice?
4. **AARP – Deanna Casey**
 - a. Working with the Older Women's Policy Group on a caregiver assessment tool.
 - b. Disability Insurance bill for family caregivers (similar to last year).
 - c. LTC Insurance (same as last year).
 - d. Exploring population-based funding for senior centers counting seniors over 65.

- i. Maureen Maigret explored the fall out – looks like one town would lose out, the rest would benefit.

5. Attorney General – Joe Lindbeck

- a. **BCI Bill:** The federal grant extension goes through September (\$1.3 m to implement a background check program for LTC workers [NH, AD, AL, Home & Hospice]).
 - i. No longer using tiers to frame who would be automatically DQ'd and who would have ability to appeal (1st d. sex. Assault vs. drug poss.) for a waiver. Concerns about administrative burden.
 - ii. Now, employer has discretion to keep an employer/new hire if there is a DQ'ing offense.
 - iii. Creation of a dashboard: one-stop-shop for criminal background check – would see the check was done and if there's a DQ.
 - b. **Personal Care Attendant Bill** – regulate personal care attendants. Biggest challenge is to prevent an offender from ever performing personal care duties again. There is no enforcement or deterrent mechanism currently in place.
 - i. Likely to use same bill as last year.
 - c. **Potential bill coming out of the Elder Abuse Unit** regarding Power of Attorney – possibly a reporting requirement? More on this later.
6. Lindsay thanked everyone and mentioned that there will be another meeting in January.
7. The meeting was adjourned.